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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7244

BILL NUMBER: SB 487

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 12, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Nonresident Shooting Preserve Hunting Fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Steele

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a nonresident of Indiana to acquire a special license to shoot on licensed shooting preserves in Indiana. The bill makes the fee for a special license equal to the fee for a resident annual hunting license. It also requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue special licenses.

The bill also provides that fees from special licenses to shoot on a shooting preserve are not required to be used by the DNR to increase the upland game bird population.

The bill provides that animals regulated under shooting preserve regulations are exempt from importation permit requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill may decrease the amount of fee revenue associated with the purchase of nonresident hunting licenses to the extent that out-of-state hunters exclusively hunt on shooting preserves and not on public lands located within the state. The bill requires the DNR to issue a special license with a fee equal to the fee for a resident annual hunting license for nonresident hunters to shoot on a licensed shooting preserve. Currently, a basic resident hunting license is \$17 for a resident and \$80 for a nonresident. DNR also offers a 5-day nonresident license for \$31. Fee revenue could be reduced by \$14 to \$63 per nonresident hunter depending on the license option purchased. Hunting for game birds, turkey, and deer require

additional stamp privileges and licenses.

License and stamp revenues are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund and used to support the operation of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

(Revised) The bill provides that captive reared and released species of exotic mammals and pheasant, quail, chukar partridges, properly marked mallard ducks, and other game bird species as determined by DNR rules are not subject to wild animal import permits. Current law requires that any wild animal other than animals intended for exhibition in a zoo or other public display and other animals designated by DNR rules must not be brought into the state without a permit issued by the DNR. An application for a permit must be accompanied by a fee of \$5. The DNR reports there have been no importation permits issued to shooting preserves. This provision should have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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